SCI-CON 70

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James Blish: Guest of Honour

We are very pleased to announce that James Blish has agreed to be Guest of Honour at SciCon 70, which is to be held at the Royal Hotel, Upper Woburn Place, London WC 2, Running from 10 am on Friday March 27th until late the following Sunday (early Monday!), SciCon 70 promises to be one of the most challenging, and interesting, of all British Science Fiction Conventions.

SPEAKERS

Speakers so far lined up include: Guest of Honour James Blish; Raymond Fletcher, M.P.; Dr Chris Evans of the National Physical Laboratory; Perry Chapdelaine, U.S. sf writer and leading authority on computer assisted instruction; Keith Albarn, designer, on Spaceship Earth; Dr Kit Pedler, tv sf script writer; Professor Willis E. McNelly, Professor of English Literature at California State College; Harvey Matusow, founder of the Society for the Abolition of Data Processing Machines, and many others, including panel speakers both fan and professional.

FILMS

We are hoping to have all-night film shows on each night of the con, which will continue until either the projectionist or the audience fall asleep. The films so far booked include THE TRIP, a strange and fascinating film which many people will not have had the opportunity of seeing previously. If there are any films you would like to see, let us have your suggestions as soon as possible.

FANCY DRESS BALL

Once again, the traditional Fancy Dress Ball will be held on the Saturday night of the convention, and following last year's highly successful event, we would like to see everyone in fancy dress, however simple it may be.

As the highlight of the Fancy Dress Ball, we are discussing the presentation of a Fashion Parade of the Future with a London College. This has been a feature of one or two WorldCons in the past, where the futuristic female fashions were very well received!

OTHER PROGRAMME ITEMS

In addition to the items already announced in Bulletin No. 2, there will be a poetry session, led by Edward Lucie-Smith, who has just edited *Holding Your Eight Hands*, published by Doubleday, and containing poems by many of today's big names in science fiction.

Some time during the convention, the newly formed Tolkien Society of Great Britain will be holding a meeting - the exact time will be announced in the programme booklet.

As of now, it is highly likely that immediately following the convention, there will be a week's showing of science fiction features and events at the Institute for Research Into Arts and Technology, 1 Robert Street, London W 1,- details of this will be announced at the con.

At the same time as the con, the Portal Gallery, 16a Gratton Street, W1, will be holding the West End's first exhibition of sf paintings, and this should be well worth a visit. There will also be an art show at the con - if you wish to bring any artwork for exhibition, please let us know in the near future so that the display space can be arranged.

DRINKS AND SUCH

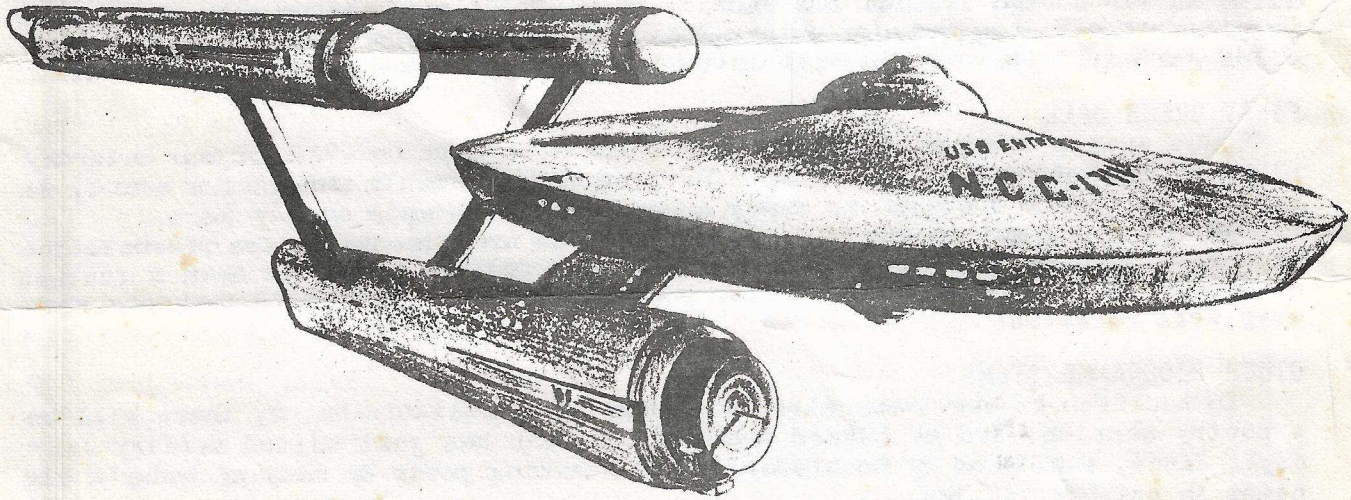
We've persuaded the management of the Royal to let us run our own bar immediately adjacent to the main con hall, and we've applied for a 24 hour license for each day of the con. We're hoping that Ted Tubb will be organising the bar in his inimitable style, and also bringing some of his home made wine(?), which you may remember (depending how much of it you drank!) from THIRDMANCON and GALACTIC FAIR.

HOTEL BOOKING FORMS

These are enclosed with this issue of the Bulletin, and should be returned to SciCon 70, 28 Bedfordbury, London WC 2, as soon as possible. If you have not already registered for the convention, you must register when you return the booking form. Registration is 10 shillings now, with a further 15 shillings to pay on arrival at the con.

The hotel room rates for Bed & Breakfast are: Single £2:5:0, Double £4:0:0, Twin £4:7:6.

The next issue of the Bulletin will be published in mid-March.



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